

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 3, 2006, claims 1, 4-8, 10-11 and 13-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; claims 1, 4-8, 10-11, 13-17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lundagards (U.S. Patent No. 5,692,722)(previously cited); and claim 18 was "objected to". The foregoing rejections and objections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Support for claim amendments can be found at FIG. 2, for example. Claims 1, 4-8, 10-11, 13-17, 18 and 19 are currently pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Regarding the 112 rejections:

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to overcome the rejection.

Regarding the 103(a) rejections:

Lundagards fails to discuss "a support being transportable and provided under the main body to support the main body, **the support including multiple portions positioned in parallel to each other and extending in a horizontal direction relative to a front surface of the refrigerator**, across a bottom surface of the refrigerator, to thereby support the bottom surface of the refrigerator; and **a supporting bracket connected immovably with a side surface of the base of the main body**, to connect the side surface of the base of the main body immovably with the support, wherein the base of the main body contacts with the support," as recited in amended claim 1, for example.

At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner admits that Lundagards does not disclose "a refrigerator". However, the Examiner takes the position that it would be obvious to substitute one appliance for another. The Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's position. Again, the locking device of Lundagards would be difficult to use for supporting a refrigerator as in the present invention, for example.

Lundagards discusses a locking device 1 for locking an article 2 (i.e., a computer monitor) to a support 3 (i.e., a table), the locking device includes locking members each positioned underneath the article 2 as shown in FIG. 2 (see Abstract). Lundagards does not discuss multiple portions positioned in parallel to each other and extending in a horizontal direction relative to a front surface of the computer monitor, across a bottom surface of the computer monitor shown in FIG. 2 for example, to support the bottom surface of the computer monitor. Further, as mentioned by the Examiner on page 5 of the Office Action, the support 3 of

Lundagards supports the bottom of the computer monitor via locking members (i.e., intervening members) 4 and 5. The bottom surface of the computer monitor does not contact with the support 3. Further, the locking members 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Lundagards are connected slidably to each other. Therefore, the locking members of Lundagards are movable.

Claim 8 has been amended to recite similar features as those of amended claim 1, for example.

The dependent claims 4-7, 10-11 and 13-19 recite patentably distinguishing features of their own. For example, claim 10 recites "wherein the lower supporting part and the side supporting part form an L-shaped portion and is provided along a longitudinal direction at opposite sides of the main body".

Therefore, Lundagards fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness over the present invention. Thus, withdrawal of the rejections and objections are respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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